

## Mr. Darr Supports Mr. Ryan

### Ryan Against Amendment

The following letter has been mailed by Mr. Chas. W. Darr, a member of the bar of the District of Columbia, to his former friends and neighbors at Laurel, Md.:

Washington, D. C., October 28, 1909.

DEAR SIR:

For several years since my removal from Laurel I have had the pleasure of addressing my former neighbors upon the issues of the campaign preceding an election, but circumstances over which I have no control deprived me of that pleasure this year, and I therefore take the liberty of addressing you personally upon the subject of the present campaign, which will culminate with the election on Tuesday next, November 2.

So far as the State issue is concerned, it is plainly drawn, and is the proposed amendment to the State Constitution whereby it is sought to disfranchise the colored voters of the State, but a careful reading of the amendment will show that it is proposed to defeat not only a provision of the Constitution of the United States, but to do more than its friends claim, as it will disfranchise many other persons who now seem to feel secure in their rights as citizens; and again it is unwise, unsafe, and exceedingly dangerous to manipulate, alter or change a State Constitution for political purposes, and particularly in the interest of a political party which seeks by the amendment to weaken the minority party beyond sufficient strength to even force upon the dominant party honest administration of the State affairs or a due regard for the ordinary rights of the people.

Again, the amendment, if passed, will for a while at least, insure the success of one party and then the State, deprived of the blessings of a strong minority party, which alone can compel even a fair administration of public affairs, may be prepared for any sort of frenzied legislation, increased taxes, extravagant expenditures of public money, and a further infringement upon the voting power of the citizens. Let me then urge you as a fair-minded citizen and one who has the welfare of your State at heart, to consider well the provisions of the proposed amendment before voting next Tuesday, and if you do you will vote against it.

Where is it necessary for changing the Constitution of your State? If it is not solely to make the defeat of one party impossible? And who will get the benefit of this success? Not the rank and file, but the men at the top of the class, who get all of the fat of the offices, who ride in carriages while you walk, who sit on the stage at political meetings while you walk and crowd to get even a look in at a big political meeting. Where do you come in? I mean the rank and file, the men who are expected to carry elections, and who are expected to carry the amendment. So much for the amendment.

Now a word for the ticket:

I regret that I have been deprived of the opportunity to meet my former friends and neighbors of Laurel this year on these subjects, but my time has been so much taken up with my professional cares that even this letter is written hurriedly and without the I suppose that both tickets in the field, Democratic and Republican, contain some names of very worthy men, but, as citizens, the time-worn idea of voting the Democratic ticket or the Republican ticket, even if the ticket contains a lot of yellow dogs, simply on party principle, is a delusion and a snare, and you will find if you have any way of knowing, that even the bosses of both parties do not hesitate to split their tickets when it suits their convenience—but more frequently when it suits their pockets to do so; but as humble citizens, wishing to do your level best for the County or State, and not expecting any reward or compensation for doing that duty which devolves upon you as a citizen, you will naturally want to vote for the men best qualified for the offices for which they are nominated, whether they are Democrats or Republicans.

And to my Democratic friends and former neighbors, I want to say, for I feel particularly close to them, that in addition to voting against the amendment, look over the Republican ticket and see if you can find the names of men particularly qualified for the offices for which they are nominated, men who have been tried and found equal to the emergencies placed before them. I have in mind Richard N. Ryan, candidate for clerk of the court at Marlboro. To nominate his equal for the office the Democrats might have nominated Mr. Stephens, the present clerk, or Dr. Griffith, of Marlboro, but they passed them up, and Ryan is therefore, in my opinion, the man the people ought to elect.

Your own fellow townsman, Mr. Frye, you know better than I can possibly know him, yet I know him to be capable and worthy of your confidence, and you ought to elect one man from your district, and the office of sheriff is more important to you as a community than any other office for which you have a candidate this year.

The election of a judge should not be measured by his political affiliation, but by his experience in public life and as a trial lawyer. While both the candidates from Prince George County are excellent gentlemen and good lawyers, yet it is claimed that Mr. Snowden Hill has had more experience in matters judicial than his opponent, and is regarded by many members of the bar of the county as the best equipped of the two for the office for which he has been nominated, and this can be said without in anyway reflect-

ing upon the Democratic candidate as a lawyer, but bear in mind that some of our best lawyers make most unsuccessful judges. Mr. Hill has the qualities which will make a first-class judge.

In the State Senate you want, if possible, in order to hold your own with the other Counties of the State, a good lawyer, one who has to do with the laws knows how to frame them, and interpret them, and, unfortunately for the Democratic party, they have nominated one of your best and most respected citizens, but he lacks the qualifications for the office of State Senator in that he is a doctor, and one of the best, and not a lawyer. Therefore, Mr. Metzgerott, it seems to me, is best suited for the office, particularly at this time, since important election legislation will be offered whether the amendment is passed or not. If passed, to carry it into effect, and if not, something radical to take its place, and it will be wise to have a representative that can assist in keeping the dominant party under control in the interest of all, even the white voters of the State.

I am not personally acquainted with all the people on both the tickets this year, but I do know those about whom I have spoken here, and my Democratic friends will not make a mistake if they vote for them along with such Democratic nominees as they think worthy of their confidence.

Having written more than I expected, I hope I will be pardoned for showing some interest in the State and County in which I resided for more than seven years, and for having a heart-to-heart talk with my former neighbors, to whom I hope again to be a neighbor in Laurel.

Very truly,  
CHAS. W. DARR.

### AN APPEAL TO THE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE TENTH (10th) U. S. CAVALRY—THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FRIENDS.

We the undersigned ex-members of the Tenth (10th) U. S. Cavalry, recognizing the universal esteem held for the lamented Lieut. Colonel Charles G. Ayres, late of the 10th U. S. Cavalry, respectfully request, that in consideration of the valor and meritorious conduct displayed by this distinguished officer in the performance of his duty, as a gentleman and soldier, should receive suitable recognition at the hands of those whom he so valiantly commanded.

His efforts towards creating and maintaining the discipline and loyalty conducive to the interests of the regiment and the U. S. Army were untiring. It is not necessary to recall the many daring exploits and acts of conspicuous gallantry displayed by this officer in his successful period covering thirty-three years of continuous service in the U. S. Army and while he commanded our Brigade firing line in Cuba. That the brilliant achievements accomplished by his bravery and military bearing, gave confidence to those whom he commanded or came in contact with.

The name of the 10th U. S. Cavalry carved under guidance of his hand, so deep, in the Halls of Fame is linked fast with that of our former captain; therefore, we think that it is appropriate that the members of this regiment should bind the two together in erecting a suitable statue to stand against time, over his grave in Arlington, and link forever the names of soldier and regiment.

All contributions are to be sent to The Equitable Trust Company of New York, 618 Fifth Avenue, New York City. (For account of the Lieut. Col. Charles G. Ayres U. S. A. Memorial Fund.)

Major General Leonard Wood, Brigadier General William H. Beck, Brigadier General W. S. Edgerly have kindly consented to act as the "Advisory Board" and will have charge of the expenditure of this fund.

(Signed)

Wm. H. Young, 10th Cav.,  
John B. Drew, 10th Cav.,  
Edward Pierson, 10th Cav.,  
Clifford H. Davis, 9th and 10th Cav.,  
George F. Wilson, 25th Infantry.

### HOW COUNTRY TEACHERS CAN MAKE MONEY.

If there are money teachers, especially those in small towns and cities, who wish to make some extra cash, they are advised to correspond at once with A. R. Stewart, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

READ THE BEE.



PRESIDENT WM. H. TAFT  
Calls Upon All Good Citizens of Maryland to Defeat the Infamous Disfranchising Amendment—Will You Heed the Appeal of a True American?

## PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY

Miss Gonia B. Maxfield

A bomb was exploded in front of a Japanese art store in Eureka, Cal. The interior of the store was wrecked. The store had only been in operation three days. This was the first Oriental store established in Eureka since the exclusion of Chinese from Humboldt county, in 1887.

Hon. Rufus W. Peckham, a justice of the Supreme Court, died last Sunday at his home in Coolmoore, N. Y., his summer home. Justice Peckham was a native of New York, and was one of the last of President Cleveland's appointees. He devoted special attention to cases involving the rights of corporations. Although a Democrat, Justice Peckham believed in a square deal. He will be greatly missed.

At the Calvary Episcopal Church last Sunday morning Bishop Harding delivered the sermon and dedicated the new pulpit given by friends in memory of Bishop Satterlee, and a chair presented by the congregation as a memorial to Mrs. Justine Prindle Harding. At the close of the services Bishop Harding presented the pastor, Rev. F. I. A. Bennett, with a gold watch.

The forty-sixth anniversary of the Shiloh Baptist Church was held last week. More than \$1,500 was raised to defray the expenses of the church and help pay the debt. Rev. Waldron is a stirring minister.

After months of tedious work, the Brownsville Court of Inquiry has, it is stated, completed the first stage of its work. In the second stage, soon to be entered, the court will pass directly upon the qualifications for reenlistment in the army of the non-commissioned officers and privates of Companies B, C and D of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were alleged to have been involved in the shooting affray of Brownsville, August 13, '06.

It is stated new atrocities in the Congo Independent State have been revealed by an officer of a rubber company.

It is said Attorney General Wickensham in his annual report to Congress will score the District Jail, which, it is said, is overcrowded and is classed as the worst, according to sanitary conditions, in these United States.

General Wood, commanding the department of the East, has ordered all the available United States troops to participate in the dedication of a monument erected in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, Md., by the State of Maryland, in honor of the Union soldiers and sailors of that State.

Col. Francis Mallory, professor of physics at the Virginia Military Institute, a wireless telegraphy receiver,

station, and messages are being successfully received from points along the Atlantic Coast.

Rev. Sterling N. Brown tells the "Necessity for Helpful Amusements for the Young" in his sermon last Sunday. He referred to the statement that over 100,000 people are said to pass in and out of the penny arcades of Chicago daily. He then mentioned the dance hall, parks, and said the young need some form of amusement. He favored clubs where games, gymnasium and drills could be taught.

The highest placed monument in the world is situated on La Combra, the summit of a pass in the Andes, and marks the frontier of the Chilean and Argentine Republics. It stands at an altitude of 1,796 feet above the sea level.

Mrs. Collis Huntington, the widow of the millionaire American railroad man, has just bought Col. Hodford's famous painting by Velasquez for \$400,000. Mrs. Huntington has become the rival of J. P. Morgan as a collector of old pictures.

According to the report of the Census Bureau, 5,525,591 bales of cotton have been ginned from growth of 1909 up to October 18.

Felix Cheatham, a colored man of Cincinnati, has been appointed messenger by Auditor Tyler in his office.

Mr. Fred R. Moore, editor of the New York Age, was in the city Sunday, the guest of his sister. Mr. Moore was en route to Atlanta, Ga.

The many friends of Miss Medora F. Barker, of 3415 Volta Place, are glad to know, after a long illness, that she is now able to be out and in a few days she will be able to resume her school duties.

Mr. Preston Slowe, well known in the musical circles of Philadelphia, visited this city last week. He is a baritone soloist of merit, and sang at the offertory at St. Luke's Church last Sunday morning, "Judge me, O Lord," by Dudley Buck. He is also very active in church work, being a vestryman of old St. Thomas' Ch.

At the regular October rally of the membership and friends of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church over \$1,700 were realized, it is said.

### OLD FOLKS HOME.

The Stoddard Baptist Home, on Hamilton Road, Garfield, D. C., an institution for the maintenance of aged and infirm colored persons and orphans, under the auspices of the Baptist Ministers' Union, of the District of Columbia. This home is situated on a high elevation overlooking the city of Washington, consisting of ten acres. Just about seven ago this home was put under the care of the Woman's Auxiliary to the trustees with Miss Laura F. Queen as its president. This Home came as a gift from Mrs. Maria Stoddard

with 4 and a half acres of land. There being a 10 acre plot. When received five and half to be purchased by the trustees. The Woman's Auxiliary board assured the responsibility in conjunction with the trustees and less time than 3 years we lifted a debt of \$2,750 paid, 2 years later put the ten room house in order. Through the churches and many friends placed in the home 7 old people, coming from the Baptists, Methodist, D. Congregationalists, of our churches. The work of the home has steadily increased. The inmates of the Home all told has been about 25, have lost by death 7, have today in this Home 14. Our ground is improved by a large number of fruit trees. We have a splendid horse and wagon purchased by the ladies board, one cow given by Miss Martha Shepherd and 2 pigs. We have been able the past summer to raise vegetables and other necessary things for the cow and horse. Now to the public we most heartily thank you for your generous and noble work, each year we have been having one barbecue for the benefit of the five C and the annual pound party that usually comes off about the 14th or 18th of November. This pound party is to gather in dry groceries for the winter. This year our pound party comes off on the 14th. Will the public help us, we will receive pounds at the Third Baptist Church, Rev. James H. Lee, pastor, cor. of 5th and Q Street, N. W. The support of this Home during the past 7 years, has been obtained entirely through small donations by the churches of the District and a few charitable persons, the desire of the Woman's Board is to have a larger building on the ground accommodating about 50 or 75 persons. We are seeking aid and friends to that end. Who will say here am I, accept my help? Within the last two weeks 6 applications has been turned away, we have no room for them. Miss Laura F. Queen, who has been untiring in her efforts to make friends for the Home, as well as canvassing finances, as well as every other needed help. She needs to be encouraged. I am sure the right people will stand by the right party, therefore the work of the Old Folks Home stands out boldly and speaks for itself through the wise management of that Godly woman. Thanking you Mr. Editor for this valuable space in your paper to speak of our work for those who cannot work for themselves.

From a well-wisher of the Home.

WALL CHILD EXCLUDED  
Counsel to Board Declares She Must Go to Negro Schools

In accordance with an opinion given by Attorney F. Sprigg Perry, counsel for the Board of Education, Elizabeth Wall, a seven-year-old girl, of Brookland, whose father is of Negro blood, will be excluded from the public schools for white children.

In his opinion Mr. Perry declares that there is no authority whereby the Board of Education or its officers can make an exception in the case of any child of Negro parentage, and permit such a child to attend the white schools. Congress has provided separate systems of schools for white and colored children, and superintendents of white schools have been vested with authority to bar colored children from their institutions.

Elizabeth Wall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wall, of Brookland. The mother is a white woman and the child shows no traces of colored blood, although the father, who is employed at the Government Printing Office, is a Negro.

MOVES TO FAIRMONT HEIGHTS.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bell, formerly of 2236 12th Street, N. W., has moved into their new built home in Fairmont Heights. It is said that their house is the most modern and up-to-date one on the heights. It contains eight rooms, steam heat and a large piazza and is most conveniently situated. They have been out there for about two weeks and were called on by many of their friends before leaving. They are greatly missed by their many friends and neighbors.

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
The speech of Miles C. Maxfield in print.

The people in this city united. Commissioner Macfarland recommend a representative Negro to a representative Attorney A. W. Scott sent abroad. Attorney Fontaine Peyton's legal ability recognized.

Send for The Bee if you want a live paper.

## Dine Matt Henson

TWO HUNDRED HAIL HIM AS PEARY'S CO-DISCOVERER OF THE NORTH POLE WATCH PRESENTED TO HIM Commander Peary Telegraphs a Message of Congratulation from Eagle Island, Me.

New York City, Oct. 20.—Matt Henson, the Negro who made the trip to the north pole with Commander Robert E. Peary, was the guest of honor last night at dinner in Tuxedo Hall, Fifty-ninth Street and Madison avenue, given by colored people of the city. More than 200 men and women sat at the tables.

Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue, as toastmaster, presented Henson with a gold watch studded with diamonds, the gift of his Negro admirers.

"Whatever may be said in the controversy as to which white man discovered the pole," said Anderson in presenting the watch, "there is not a shadow of doubt as to which black man got there."

In a brief speech accepting the watch Henson said that the colored man had tried for years to show the opposite race that he is a man of grit.

"When I went to Greenland they said I never would come back," said Henson. "They told me I couldn't stand the cold—that no black man could. I said I was willing to die if necessary to show them. I survived all right, and here I am."

This telegram, sent by Commander Peary from Eagle Island, Me., was read:

I congratulate you and your race upon Matthew Henson. He has driven home to the world your great adaptability and the fibre of which you are made. He has added to the moral stature of every intelligent man among you.

His is the hard earned reward of tried loyalty, persistence, and endurance. He should be an everlasting example to your young men that these qualities will win whatever object they are directed at.

He deserves every attention you can show him. I regret that it is impossible for me to be present at your dinner. My compliments to your assembled guests.

Booker T. Washington sent this telegram from Tuskegee, Ala.:

Am sending you my subscription for the Benson dinner. Permit me to congratulate you and your co-workers upon the wisdom and generosity manifested in providing the dinner in honor of our distinguished and deserving fellow-citizen who has by his achievement lifted the race to a higher level. My congratulations to the guest of the evening and to those assembled.

The dinner began at 8 o'clock. Among the toastmasters were James A. Cobb, Assistant District Attorney at Washington; ex-Judge Hifen W. Gibbs of Arkansas, James Curtis, lawyer; Gilchrist Stewart, who led the legal fight for the Negro soldiers in the Brownsville riot; Bishop Alexander Waters of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks of St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Prof. W. S. Scarborough, president of Wilberforce University; the Rev. Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Frederick B. Watkins of the Liberty National Bank staff, and Dr. Marcus F. Wheatfield, president of the Colored National Medical Association.

At the conclusion of the dinner three rousing cheers were given for Henson as "The black man who helped discover the pole."